

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

THE ACADEMY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ACADEMICS

Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 455**

Director: David E Stoudenmire Jr **Board Chair: Will Garland**

Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry

PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
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2010	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	Excellent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS IN SC*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	14	1	4	1

^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/07/2011. All Career Centers in South Carolina are included.

TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT

The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at a center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.

Oui	Center	State Center Average (%)	
n %		%	
0.0	0.0%	86.0%	

GRADUATION RATE

The number of 12th grade career technology education students who graduate in the spring is divided by the number of 12th graders enrolled in the center and converted to a percentage.

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	Our Center	State Center Average (%)	
n	%	%	
0.0	0.0%	95.8%	

PLACEMENT RATE

The number of career and technology completers who are available for placement in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment is divided into the number of students over a three-year period who are actually placed and converted to a percentage. This criterion mirrors the Perkins standard.

	Our Center	State Center Average (%)
n	%	%
374	99.5%	96.7%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2009)							
South Carolina		32	44	23	2		
Nation		26	43	28	2		
	%	Below Basic	% Basic, Proficient, and	d Advanced			
■ Below Basic □ Basic □ Proficient ■ Advanced							

MATH - GRADE 8 (2009)							
South Carolina		31	39	23	7		
Nation		29	39	25	7		
% Below Basic		% Basic, Proficient, a	and Advanced	t			
■ Below Basic □ Basic □ Proficient		■ Advanced					

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)							
South Carolina		31	39	23	7		
Nation		29	39	25	7		
% Below Basic		% Basic, Proficient, and Advanced					
■ Below Basic □ Basic □ Proficient ■ Advanced							

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

THE ACADEMY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ACADEMICS SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our Center	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
Students (n=455)			
With disabilities other than speech	N/A	N/A	9.8%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	50.3%	Up from 36.4%	15.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	455	Down from 486	611
Students participating in work-based experiences	39.1%	Up from 26.5%	27.2%
Teachers (n=19)			
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.2%	Up from 54.8%	25.0%
Continuing contract teachers	84.2%	Up from 73.8%	75.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.6%	Down from 20.0%	21.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	65.5%	N/A	91.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Up from 93.8%	95.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$54,335	Up 10.9%	\$48,180
Professional development days/teacher	23.2 days	Down from 27.7 days	12.8 days
Center			
Director's years at Center	11.0	Up from 10.0	6.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$12,710	Up 28.8%	\$3,276
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.1%	Up from 43.3%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.9%	Down from 64.8%	66.6%
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	94.9%

^{*} Length of contract = 185+ days.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	197	102
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.6%	86.7%	94.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.2%	84.1%	86.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.9%	87.7%	84.8%

^{*} Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included

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REPORT OF DIRECTOR AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The school year 2009-2010 proved to be another exciting year for the Academy for Technology and Academics. Several new courses were added to our selection in our career and technology education majors. Project Lead the Way got off to an excellent start in our Pre-Engineering major, while we added SAS Programming and Alice-Animation and Gaming to our Business Education Department. Each program, being nationally recognized, presented many new and exciting opportunities for our students. Once again, ATA is pushing ahead to make sure our students are prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century global economy and job market.

Our Connect Program continues to help fill a very real need in our school system. Students that have entered this specialized program are continuing the tradition of meeting the challenges of secondary education, fulfilling the requirements, and successfully completing state graduation requirements in order to move into the next phase of life (post-secondary education, work force, or the military). Also, more and more, our Connect students are electing to remain for an optional fourth year so that they may complete a career major.

For the second year, Traveler, our yearbook, was published and was joined by our own newspaper, The Navigator. Both are exceptional additions for our overall student life at ATA.

On May 20, 2010, we celebrated a "Night to Remember" for our seniors at ATA's annual Senior Awards and Reception. Our faculty and staff were so proud of the Class of 2010. We celebrated their status as completers and concentrators in each area, recognized district, state, and national competitive events participants, year-long perfect attendance and state/national certifications/achievements. We also honored our academic successes for the year-long Principal's List, A/B Honor Roll, and Top 10% of the Class of 2010. We concluded our ceremony by announcing winners for the Woodman of the World History Award, Debbie Collier Nursing, ATA, HGTC, and Santee Cooper scholarships.

We continue to look at new additions to our programs at ATA. One that is planned is a partnership with Horry County Fire Rescue to start our newest program: Emergency and Fire Services Management.

ATA will continue to seek new ideas and opportunities to make sure our motto that we take great pride in, "Successful Careers Begin Here," always remains true. Even in these difficult times when we all are faced with "tightening our belts," ATA will push forward to do the very best for all of our students – the future leaders of our businesses and communities.

Please feel free to come and visit our school, its programs and our students and allow us the opportunity to show you all what we have to offer!

David E. Stoudenmire Jr., Principal Teresa Houston, School Improvement Council Chair

^{**} Prior year audited financial data available.